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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 12, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, after the title and before the "Field of the Invention", please insert This  
invention was made with government support under Grant No. 5R44GM51704-03 awarded by  
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